

A NEW VARIETY OF *CAREX TRISPERMA*.—During the recent meeting of the Josselyn Botanical Society of Maine at Rowe Ponds Camps a party, including Edward B. Chamberlain, John Murdoch, Jr., Robert A. Ware, and myself with Sam Rollins as guide, visited Jewett Brook Bog, some distance below Jewett Pond of which it forms a part of the outlet. While on this trip a peculiar little sedge, growing at the foot of a small shrub in Sphagnum moss in the direct sunlight, attracted my attention. The setaceous or filiform appearance of the foliage and the very few scattered perigynia, mostly only one to a spikelet and not more than two spikelets to a plant, made its appearance very distinct from any other *Carex* with which I was acquainted. Other small clusters of the plant were collected in similar situations, and finally specimens were seen showing all stages of transition to typical *Carex trisperma* which grew abundantly some distance back under the trees, thus showing conclusively that the plant in question was only a very distinct form of *Carex trisperma*.

It seems fitting that this new variety should be recognized by a name, and I propose to dedicate it to one who has been my companion on many a woodland tramp, one who has shown the greatest enthusiasm in seeking to increase our knowledge of the occurrence and distribution of the plants of the Penobscot Valley, and whose persistent seeking has resulted in many additions to the flora of this region. It is with great pleasure on my part that opportunity is given me to name this new plant for my friend, Mr. Francis M. Billings of Bangor. I would therefore call it.

*CAREX TRISPERMA* Dewey, var. **Billingsii**, new var.

Culms filiform, 1 to 2 dm. long; leaves 0.3 to 0.5 mm. wide, usually much overtopping the culm; spikelets one or two in number, usually one- but sometimes two-flowered; the finely many-nerved perigynia from 2.5 to 3.3 mm. long, 1.6 to 1.8 mm. broad, exceeding the scale by one-fourth to one-third its length. Habitat—Sunny spots in a mossy bog, Jewett Brook Bog, about a mile below Jewett Pond, (presumably in Pleasant Ridge Plantation) Maine, collected July 5, 1906 (*Chamberlain, Murdoch, Rollins, Ware & Knight*); type No. 5066 O. W. K.—O. W. KNIGHT, Bangor, Maine.